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FROM WATER AND FROM SEA

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully
submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

CLAIM 5: Line 1, change "claims 3 and 4" to --claim 3--

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The amendment to the claims merely deletes the undesired multiple
dependencies and places the application in better form prior to
examination.